

Remarks

Claims 1-4, 8 and 11-16 are pending herein. By this Amendment, claims 1, 8 and 16 have been amended, and claims 6 and 7 have been cancelled.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the contents of cancelled claims 6 and 7. Because the features now incorporated into claim 1 were present in claims already considered by the Examiner, Applicant submits that this amendment does not raise new issues. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment.

Claim 8 has been amended to depend upon claim 1 rather than cancelled claim 7.

Claim 16 has been amended to include the contents of cancelled claim 6. Because the feature now incorporated into claim 16 was present in a claim already considered by the Examiner, Applicant submits that this amendment does not raise new issues. Thus, Applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment.

In the Office Action, claims 1-4, 6 and 11-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 3,957,672 to Zisman et al. ("Zisman"); and claims 1-3, 7, 8 and 11-16 are rejected over Zisman in view of U.S. Patent 5,514,301 to Bil et al. ("Bil").

In view of the amendments and remarks herein, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections set forth in the Office Action.

I. Rejection of Claims 1-4, 6 and 11-15

Claims 1-4, 6 and 11-15 are rejected under §103(a) as being unpatentable over Zisman. Claim 6 has been cancelled and its contents incorporated into claim 1.

As stated above, claim 1 has been amended to include the contents of cancelled claim 7. Thus, claim 1 now recites the presence of a specific cationic surface active agent. Claims 2-4 and 11-15 depend upon claim 1 and also include this feature. Zisman does not teach or suggest the specific cationic surface active agent now recited in claim 1.

Therefore, for at least this reason, Applicant submits that claims 1-4 and 11-15 would not have been obvious over Zisman.

II. Rejection of Claims 1-3, 7, 8 and 11-16

Claims 1-3, 7, 8 and 11-16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Zisman in view of Bil. Claim 7 has been cancelled and its contents incorporated into claim 1.

In this rejection, the embodiment of Zisman relied on in the Office Action is that which is described at col. 4, lines 56-68 of the reference. According to the Office Action, “[i]n this embodiment, Zisman et al. disclose the use of the fluorinated polyether compound as a solvent in combination with the fluoroalcohol (col. 4, lines 56-65).” In this embodiment, Zisman requires the use of a specific fluorinated polyether compound, i.e., OPFP-n.

As noted hereinabove, claims 1 and 16 have been amended in part to include the contents of cancelled claim 6. Thus, the fluorinated solvent recited in claims 1 and 16 is limited to those recited in claim 6. None of the solvents now recited in claim 1 and claim 16 is OPFP-n, the solvent required in Zisman. Therefore, even if the cationic surface active agent disclosed in Bil were incorporated into the cited embodiment of Zisman, the

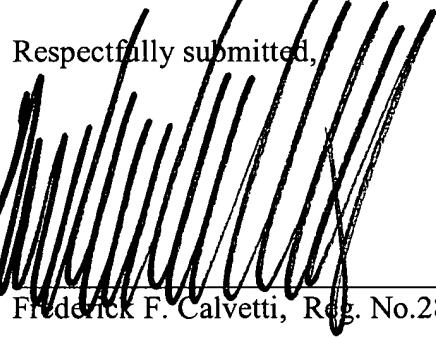
resulting composition would not render Applicant's claimed compositions obvious because Applicant's claimed compositions do not contain OPFP-n.

Thus, for at least the foregoing reason, Applicant respectfully submits that Zisman in view of Bil would not have rendered obvious instant claims 1-3, 7, 8 and 11-16.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of the claims be withdrawn and that claims 1-4, 8 and 11-16 be allowed.

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